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Let's Get This Party Restarted! Gloria Molina Grand Park's Block Party Returns On Saturday, September 6, 2025, With a Powerful Celebration of L.A.'s Resilience

The 'Park for Everyone' Comes Alive with Vibrant and Joyful Gathering of Culture, Connection and Collective Action with Live DJ Sets, Art Installations, Food Trucks, a Spectacular Drone Show and more

LOS ANGELES (August 5, 2025) - With renewed purpose and spirit, *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Block Party: Celebrating L.A. Culture & Community* will descend on Downtown L.A. on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. The six-hour celebration, held in the "park for everyone" and which was initially scheduled to take place on the Fourth of July, will include an electrifying lineup of L.A.-based DJs curated in partnership with *KCRW Summer Nights*: **Black House Radio**, **Discos Rolas** and KCRW's very own **Boogie Boudreaux** and **Francesca Harding***. To honor Angelenos' strength, the highly anticipated event includes poignant art exhibits showcasing L.A.'s diverse communities, interactive activities presented by community organizations, food trucks and snack vendors that will whet everyone's appetite, a dazzling 3-D drone show lighting up the night sky and many other experiences.

"*Gloria Molina Grand Park's Block Party* is more than a gathering--it's a powerful declaration of who we are as Angelenos," said Rachel S. Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center. "As the world has witnessed in the last few months, Angelenos possess a resounding spirit unlike any other--we persevere. This Block Party is a celebration of our roots, our resilience and our right to reclaim joy. We invite all Angelenos from the many communities across Los Angeles County to show up, speak up and shine."

L.A.'s ultimate neighborhood block party will span three of the four city blocks that comprise Gloria Molina Grand Park, from Grand Avenue to Broadway Street and surrounding streets. The theme of the event is "Homegrown Resilience," featuring visual and performing artists whose roots and inspiration stem from their lives as Angelenos. The theme also reflects the spirit of recovery and resilience that has blossomed from L.A.'s trying times, beginning with the wildfires and, most recently, the federal immigration raids.

"At a time when our communities continue to be tested, Gloria Molina Grand Park stands as a sanctuary for our collective voices and unwavering civic pride," said Robert Gonzalez, director of Gloria Molina Grand Park. "This year's Block Party is a love letter to Los Angeles--to our resilience and our refusal to be divided and separated. We invite everyone to come reflect, create and celebrate all that makes L.A. home."

Art takes center stage at *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Block Party* with bold visual installations. Curated by **Bruce Lemon**, **Cornerstone Theater Company** and **Contra-Tiempo Activist Dance Theater**, an area of the event known as *Little LA* invites attendees to a walkable cultural journey through Los Angeles County's rich immigrant enclaves with guided dances, a scavenger hunt, soapbox storytelling and a chalk-drawn map of L.A.'s iconic freeways. At the *Art Walk*, guests can experience a visual feast featuring **Tlaloc Studios'** *Everyday Alchemy in the Still Moments*, spotlighting intimate photographic portraits of Angeleno life by **Gregory Bojorquez**, **Carlos Jaramillo**, **Valerie J. Bower**, and **Nori Rasmussen**. The *Art Walk* includes provocative installations by **Terrick Gutierrez** and **Teresa Flores** who challenge and celebrate L.A.'s identity through interactive art and public dialogue.

The Block Party's "Rights & Resources Booths" will offer voter registration, legal advocacy and wellness resources from local organizations such as **CHIRLA**, **Westside Food Bank**, **Las Fotos Project** and many others. Cultural navigators and interpreters will be available to ensure inclusivity across the event.

Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic or enjoy delectable food and snack options for purchase from L.A.'s favorite gourmet food trucks, including a fusion of Mediterranean, Venezuelan, Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, and American offerings along with several dessert, coffee and beverage vendors. The park does not permit alcohol consumption

onsite; alcohol will not be sold at the event. For a complete list of Gloria Molina Grand Park's prohibited items and activities, visit grandparkla.org.

The Block Party will culminate with a spectacular drone show, forming larger-than-life 3-D configurations above the crowd. The 12-minute show, programmed by [Grizzly Entertainment](#) for the third consecutive year, will emphasize L.A. communities' resilience and honor Angelenos' capacity for joy amid hardships.

Public parking will be available at the main Music Center garage (135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012) and in The Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall garage (111 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012) at a flat rate of \$10 per vehicle. Given the large number of guests expected at the event, members of the public are highly encouraged to take public transportation. Gloria Molina Grand Park is located conveniently at the Civic Center/Grand Park station along the Metro B Line (Red) and D Line (Purple).

For the latest information on *Gloria Molina Grand Park's Block Party: Celebrating L.A. Culture & Community*, visit grandparkla.org and follow Gloria Molina Grand Park on social media (Facebook: @GrandParkLosAngeles; X, Instagram and TikTok: @GrandPark_LA).

* All artists subject to change.

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT:

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WHEN:

Saturday, September 6, 2025

3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Gates open: 3:00 p.m.

Drone show: 8:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Gloria Molina Grand Park

200 N. Grand Ave.

Los Angeles 90012

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TRANSPORTATION:

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The Music Center garage	Walt Disney Concert Hall garage
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Los Angeles 90012	Los Angeles 90012

Additional parking lots near Gloria Molina Grand Park will be available.

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ABOUT GLORIA MOLINA GRAND PARK

A vibrant outdoor gathering place, Gloria Molina Grand Park is a beautiful public park for the entire community in Los Angeles County. With expansive green space for gatherings large and small, Gloria Molina Grand Park celebrates the county's cultural vitality and is host to community events, cultural experiences, holiday celebrations and many other activities that engage and attract visitors from all communities. The 12-acre Gloria Molina Grand Park, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2022, stretches from The Music Center on the west to City Hall on the east and is easily accessible by Metro via the B/D (formerly Red/Purple) line to the Civic Center/Grand Park station. The park was named one of American Planning Association's 10 "Great Public Spaces" in the U.S. for 2013. Working closely with the county, The Music Center is responsible for all operations and programming for the park. For more information, visit grandparkla.org. Follow Gloria Molina Grand Park on Instagram, X, Twitch, TikTok, Spotify and Mixcloud (@grandpark_la) as well as YouTube and Facebook (@grandparkLosAngeles).

ABOUT THE MUSIC CENTER

As L.A.'s performing arts center, The Music Center convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. The \$80 million non-profit performing arts organization has two divisions: TMC Arts and TMC Ops. TMC Arts, The Music Center's programming engine, provides year-round programming inside The Music Center's four theatres, on Jerry Moss Plaza, outside at Gloria Molina Grand Park--a 12-acre adjacent green space--in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with *Glorya Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center*, free and low-cost public concerts and events, live and digital K-12 arts education programs, workshops, performances, interactive experiences and special events. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the Plaza and Gloria Molina Grand Park, which comprise \$3 billion in county assets, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies--Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil. For more information, visit musiccenter.org. Follow The Music Center on social media @MusicCenterLA.

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